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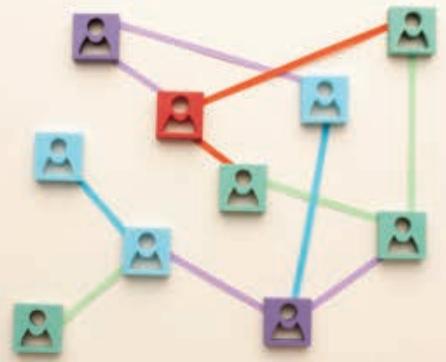
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Welcome to Jefferson THE KEYSTONE COUNTY

Whether you're a lifelong resident, newcomer, visitor, or someone who's returned home after years away because you have Jefferson County sand in your shoes, there's something special here that stands out in your mind. Perhaps it's a landmark, the gleaming courthouse in the middle of the roundabout, the Monticello Opera House or something else that has embedded itself in your memory forever and ever.

Or maybe it's the shady live oaks and pines that line the streets and highways all over the county; or the soft, laid-back atmosphere that beckons to you and whispers, "you are welcome here."

More often than not, however, it's the people whom you remember. Whether it's the church or social mixer where you met your spouse, the congregation in the church you attended growing up, the friends you only see at the grocery store or coffee shop, or the newcomers you welcome with a handshake and a pat on the back, you can't forget the people of Jefferson County.

This issue of *Life in Jefferson County* is dedicated to those Jefferson County folks who help form the backbone of the community. Whether it's the farmer who puts food on the tables around the world; the truck driver who carries the food to the stores; or the

shopkeeper, minister, teacher, student and everyone else; we are proud that you are a part of Jefferson County.

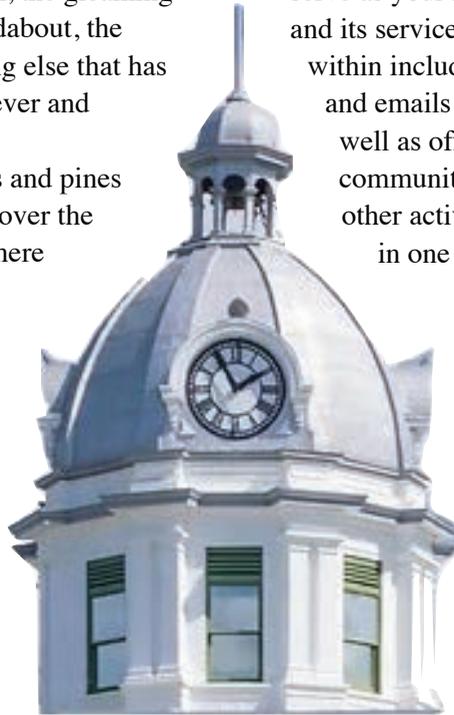
The *2026 Life in Jefferson County* is intended to serve as your handy guide to Jefferson County and its services. Much of the information contained within includes the names, titles, phone numbers and emails of local, state and federal officials, as well as offering pertinent information on the community's public services, businesses and other activities that enhance the quality of life in one of the most beautiful and charming spots in Florida.

Hold onto your copy of this useful guide. Put it in a place where you can readily access it for easy reference, and it will help you enjoy the community's many services and offerings.

It is our desire that you find the *Life in Jefferson County* not only a valuable tool, but that you also take advantage of our other

publications, including the *Monticello News* (published each Wednesday) and *The Front Porch*, a magazine published six times a year, featuring the region's people and places.

We sincerely hope to make Jefferson County a happy and rewarding home for you and your family.



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The Basics

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JEFFERSON COUNTY: THE BEGINNING

By Alfa Hunt

The history of Jefferson County is generally thought to have begun when native tribes began migrating into the region from farther north. This theory, at least, had long been the conventional wisdom, until recent discoveries at the Page-Ladson site in the Aucilla River and others around the country began to put into question man's first habitation of the Americas. Regardless the origins, as the centuries proceeded, the indigenous people of the region came into contact with strange men who wore metal armor and employed steel weapons: the Spanish conquistadors.

The Spaniards were the first to arrive and built their missions in order to convert the Indians, or possibly to lure Spanish settlers to the new lands.

By the early 19th century, however, the territory came into the hands of mostly British colonists who had recently won their independence from Great Britain. Andrew Jackson wrested the Territory of Florida from Spain in 1821 and it wasn't long afterwards that word began spreading up the eastern seaboard that the red clay of Florida made excellent land for planting cotton.

When the Territory of Florida was accepted into the United States in 1822, Pensacola and St. Augustine were the only existing towns. In an effort to establish a compromise capital between the two existing towns, a council in 1824 created Leon County, with boundaries that extended from the Ochlocknee River on the west to the Suwannee River on the east, and from the Georgia border to the Gulf of Mexico.

The search for land by prospective settlers began in 1824, but was complicated by major legal and geographic problems. Some of the land in Middle Florida, as the region was then called, was one of the richest and most productive in the world; but it was also interspersed with swamps and sand hills, which made cultivation impossible in some areas.

Moreover, there were two legal problems: one was that much of the land, which was now in the possession of the United States, had not been surveyed; the second was the many land applicants argued their cases on the basis of Spanish grants or settlements prior to the U.S. acquiring the territory.

One of the largest legal battles fought was because of a Spanish grant involving the Forbes Purchase, representing more than a million acres that stretched between the St. Marks and Apalachicola rivers along the Gulf Coast.

Settlement on this large tract of land entangled settlers for

many years, casting doubt on land titles and disrupting the settlement of Magnolia, where much of the trade of Jefferson County citizens took place.

Even so, early Jefferson County settlers managed to acquire their lands through numerous means. For example, James Gadsden, who came to Florida with Andrew Jackson, in 1818 was able to acquire acreage as an original settler; he later purchased more land from the government at a minimum price.

In the northern part of the county, near Monticello, brothers

William, John and Abram Bellamy purchased land from the original settlers, as well as from the government. Some of the early settlers to the area, before the county was established, were John Robison, Asa Townsend, Joseph W. White, Daniel S. Graham, Martin Palmer, William Blackburn, Thomas Randolph, and Joseph Watts. Along with these men, 21 others made the journey to the future Jefferson County in hopes of acquiring land and carving out a name for



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Laying the cornerstone for the Jefferson County courthouse in Monticello. June 24, 1909.

themselves.

The earliest community that preceded the county's creation was Waukeenah. This community sprawled along the St. Augustine Road from the Leon County line to present-day Capps. Some of the men who joined Gadsden and Achille Murat, the nephew of French Emperor Napoleon Bonaparte, in the early settling of Jefferson County were John and Robert Gamble, Edmund Vass, Abram Cabell, William Nuttall, Thomas Randall, Cornelius Beasley and Thomas Moore.

At the site of what would soon become Monticello, a post office named Robison was established on May 10, 1826. Then in January 1827, the eastern part of Leon County was split to form Jefferson County, a political subdivision that stretched from the Georgia border on the north to the Gulf of Mexico on the south, and from the eastern shore of Lake Miccosukee on the west to the Suwannee River on the east.

By December 1827, the council found it necessary once again to divide the region. Madison County was then taken from Jefferson County's eastern portion, with the Aucilla River becoming the boundary between the two. Meanwhile, Jefferson County's western boundary was also slightly adjusted in 1832 and again in the 1870s. These latter adjustments, however, proved relatively minor.

Today, Jefferson County encompasses about 560 square miles or 358,400 acres. It is bordered by Leon on the west, the Aucilla River on the east, Georgia on the north and the Gulf of Mexico on the south.

JEFFERSON COUNTY FACT SHEET

Jefferson County's population was 15,921, according to the 2024 U.S. Census, up from the 2020 U.S. Census count of 14,520.

Jefferson County is part of the Tallahassee Metropolitan Statistical Area.

Jefferson County was created in 1827 and named for Thomas Jefferson, third president of the United States of America, who served from 1801 to 1809. Monticello was named after Jefferson's home in Virginia.

Forts of Jefferson County

Fort Roger Jones: established in 1839 at Aucilla (Ocilla Ferry), north of U.S. 90.

Fort Noel: established in 1839–1842 south of Lamont on the Aucilla River, six miles northwest of Fort Pleasant in Taylor County; also known as Fort Number Three (M).

Camp Carter: established in 1838 near Waukeenah.

Fort Welaunee: established in 1838 as a settlers' fort on the Welaunee Plantation near Wacissa. Fort Gamble (1839–1843) was later established here.

Fort Aucilla: established in 1843, two miles southeast of Fort Gamble, southwest of Lamont, between the Aucilla and Wacissa rivers; also spelled Ocilla.

Fort Wacissa: established in 1838 as a settlers' fort south of Wacissa on the Wacissa River, west of Cabbage Grove.

Geography

The county encompasses an area of 636.65 square miles, of which 597.74 square miles (or 93.89%) is land and 38.91 square miles (or 6.11%) is water.

Jefferson County is the only



county in Florida that borders both the state of Georgia and the Gulf of Mexico, giving it the nickname of “The Keystone County.”

Major Highways

Interstate 10 (I-10) is the main west to east interstate highway in the county and serves as the unofficial dividing line between northern and southern parts of Jefferson County.

It contains three interchanges within the county: the first is SR-59 in Lloyd (Exit 217); the second is U.S. 19 in Drifton (Exit 225); and the third is south of Aucilla at CR-257 (Exit 233). East of Jefferson, I-10 runs through Madison County, and west it runs through Leon County.

U.S. 19 is the westernmost north/south U.S. highway in Jefferson County. It enters the county at the southwestern corner of the Madison County as the Georgia-Florida Parkway concurrent with U.S. 27; it then breaks away from U.S. 27 at Capps and runs straight north through Monticello, where it encounters U.S. 90 at the traffic circle around the historic courthouse and continues north into, and through, Georgia.

U.S. 27 is another north/south

U.S. highway that crosses Jefferson County. It enters from Madison County on the east concurrent with U.S. 19, but unlike U.S. 19, it breaks away at Capps and runs west toward Leon County and Tallahassee before proceeding north into Georgia.

U.S. 90 was the main west/east highway in Jefferson County, until it was surpassed by I-10. U.S. 90 enters the county twice from Leon County, the second time forming a causeway over the southern end of Lake Miccosukee. U.S. 90 eventually enters Monticello from the west and intersects with U.S. 19 at the traffic circle.

East of the city, U.S. 90 curves southeast through rural Jefferson County, passes north of the small community of Aucilla, and crosses into Madison County at the Aucilla River.

U.S. 98 is the southernmost east/west route running through the southernmost part of the county near the Gulf of Mexico. It largely runs through conservation areas. U.S. 98 comes into Jefferson from Taylor County in the east and goes into Wakulla County on the west. Its sole major intersection is with SR-59.

COMMUNITIES OF JEFFERSON COUNTY

*The towns of Jefferson County are
“where heaven smiles down on earth”*

Ashville - This community in the northern part of the county started as a country store operated by James Morris and Samuel Sessions in the late 1830s. The location eventually came to be known as Rhodes Store, and by the late 19th Century, it was renamed Ashville.

Aucilla - Originally called Williamsburg, this community on the eastern part of the county also began as a store in 1845. It was later renamed Aucilla when the Pensacola and Georgia Railroad came through. In the 1800s, common spellings of the town’s name were “Ocilla” and “Oscilla.”

Drifton - In the late 1850s, the railroad company established its Station No. 3 around the small settlement of Walker’s Mills, a few miles south of Monticello. At the time, the location consisted of a depot, several mills and a store. The community grew and was renamed Drifton in the 1870s.

Lamont - Originally referred to as Beasley’s Store, this community in the southeastern part of the county was renamed McKanes’ Store shortly before the Civil War; it was also sometimes called “Lick Skillet.” It was renamed “Lamont” in the 1880s, but for a long time afterwards, it was still occasionally called by its former names.

Lloyd - Bailey’s Mills, in the western part of the county, was established in the early part of the 1800s and grew into a large farming community when the railroad came through. By the mid-1800s, the town’s name had changed to Lloyd in honor of Walter F. Lloyd, who had established the first post office and built the town.

Monticello - Established in 1827 in the northern part of the county not far from the Georgia border, the town is the seat of county government and also the hub of the business community. The town boasts one of the largest collections of restored and registered historic homes and buildings in the state, with its historic district encompassing 27 blocks and nearly 600 buildings constructed before 1930.

Wacissa - During the Antebellum Period, many

people expected this small community in the southern part of the county to become a major port town at the head of the navigable Wacissa and Aucilla rivers. Today Wacissa is best known as the gateway to the Wacissa River, a pristine waterway popular with its share of fishermen, boaters, canoeists and other outdoors enthusiasts.

Waukeenah - Located in the middle of the county, Waukeenah in the mid-1800s was the second largest community in Jefferson County and home to two of the area’s largest plantations: Waukeenah and Welaunee. Today Waukeenah remains a viable community along the much traveled U.S. 27.

Animal Services

The rural life of Jefferson County is enhanced by furry and feathered friends of all types — dogs, horses, cats, chickens and cattle. Livestock, in fact, is as much a part of Jefferson County as its human residents. It is no surprise, then, that compassionate animal services are easy to come by.

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Tri-County Electric Cooperative, Inc., serves rural customers. It has an office in Monticello at 700 S. Jefferson St. Hours for Tri-County are 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. and 2 to 5 p.m., weekdays. Customers are shareholders in the company. The toll free number to call in Jefferson County for information is (800) 999-2285. This is also the emergency service number.

TELEPHONE

Local phone service can be obtained from a variety of local service providers. Please check the front of any local phone book for listings of these local services. The most commonly used provider in Jefferson County is CenturyLink; it can be reached at (800) 244-1111.

PETROLEUM & PROPANE

Propane gas companies that serve Monticello are Plantation Propane, (850) 997-2141; Suburban/Southeast Propane, (850) 576-3164; Amerigas, (229) 228-5252; Southern Quality Propane, (855) 430-1099, Ferrell Gas (850) 656-1700, Eli Roberts and Sons, (850) 997-5632 and Cooksey Propane (850) 363-1756.

WATER AND SEWER

Monticello residents can call the city’s water department at (850) 342-0291. The Jefferson Communities Water System serves residents in the Lloyd, Wacissa, Waukeenah, Lamont and Aucilla areas of the county. For more information, call (850) 997-0314.

SOLID WASTE AND GARBAGE COLLECTION SITES AND SERVICES

Jefferson County Solid Waste Department: For full list of garbage collection sites around the county and their current hours of operation, go to the department’s website at <http://www.jeffersoncountyfl.gov/pl/county-departments/solid-waste-recycling>, or call (850) 342-0184.

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The Monticello Police Department provides law enforcement throughout the City of Monticello. Fred Mosley is Chief of Police. The MPD has a force composed of the chief, full-time and reserve officers, and full-time and part-time dispatchers.

MPD officers have



increased their neighborhood patrols and are encouraged to visit and talk with residents on a frequent basis. Chief Mosley works closely with Sheriff McNeill. Together the two serve the community as brothers in law enforcement, safety and protection.



**Chief of Police
Fred Mosley**

Jefferson County Sheriff's Office

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The Jefferson County Sheriff's Office has the responsibility to protect and serve the citizens of Jefferson County. Mac McNeill is the county's sheriff. He leads a force composed of full-time and reserve deputies, who are supported by both an administrative staff and jail staff.

The Sheriff's Office is dedicated to providing non-



discriminatory, effective and efficient law enforcement service. The department protects the life and property of the citizens of Jefferson County and ensures that the constitutional rights of all persons are protected. The Sheriff's Office is located in the Jefferson County Industrial Park, which is about three miles south of the courthouse, off U.S. Highway 19 South.



**Sheriff
Mac McNeill**

Florida Highway Patrol

Troops A and H of the Florida Highway Patrol cover the Panhandle from Escambia to Taylor counties (including Jefferson and Madison), with its regional communication center in Tallahassee.

The FHP has two locations in Leon County, both in Tallahassee. The general headquarters is at the Neil Kirkman Building, 2900 Apalachee Pkwy., (850) 617-2300; and a station is at 2100 Mahan Dr., (850) 410-3046.

Fire Department

Jefferson County Fire Rescue
57 Martin Rd., Monticello, Fla. 32344
(850) 342-0182.

There are also four volunteer Fire Departments: Monticello, Lloyd, Wacissa and Ashville.



**Chief
Derrick Burris**

Emergency Management

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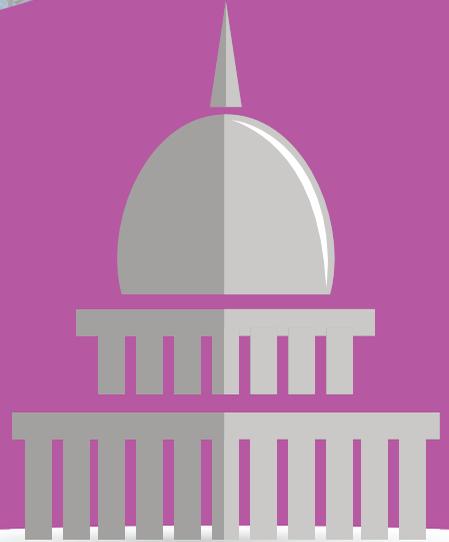
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The City of Monticello, Florida

Established in 1827, the City of Monticello -- in the northern part of Jefferson County -- is located a few miles south of the Georgia border in the beautiful Red Hills country. A small, historic community and Main Street City, Monticello had a population of 2,589 as of the 2020 U.S. Census. Monticello serves as the seat of county government, with the iconic Classical Revival-style county courthouse at its heart.

Monticello is not only Jefferson County's largest population center but also one rich in culture and history, with an abundance of architectural jewels, among which it numbers the 1909-built cupola-topped courthouse, the 1890-built Opera House and the

late 1800s built Wirick-Simmons House. Explore the town's tree-lined streets and you will find, nestled among the trees and flowering shrubs, numerous antebellum and Victorian homes dating from the early 1900s and late 1800s, giving the city a unique look and feel.

The many preserved historical houses is partly because during the Great Depression of the 1930s, many of Monticello's residents couldn't afford to build new homes, so they generally renovated or restored their houses. Today, these homes offer tourists a rare glimpse of the original architectural styles that prevailed in the South prior to the Civil War.

Monticello has a modified

form of government that consists of a five-member City Council, a mayor and a city manager. The city has 30-plus full-time employees, including the Monticello Police, and it has a volunteer fire department that's backed by the county's paid fire department. The Monticello City Council meets once a month on the first Tuesday at 7 p.m. in City Hall, which is located just south of the police station at 245 S. Mulberry Street.

On a more mundane note, newcomers may be pleased to know that the city provides a full array of services, including water, sewer, trash collections, recycling and police and fire protection. A trip to City Hall will familiarize you with these

services and also get your new home connected to the various utilities.

For book lovers, the Jefferson County R.J. Bailar Public Library is conveniently located just south of the new county government complex on S. Water Street. And for recreation, the city offers a walking tour of historic downtown, a gazebo/park next to the woman's club on E. Pearl Street, and an ecological park off S. Water Street on the west side.

As the county seat and the hub of the county's commercial and business scene, the City of Monticello presents a friendly and attractive face, not only to newcomers, but to everyone the year round.

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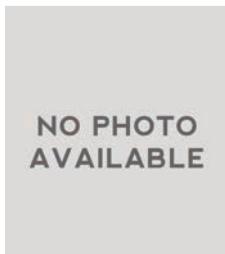
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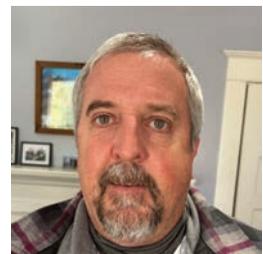
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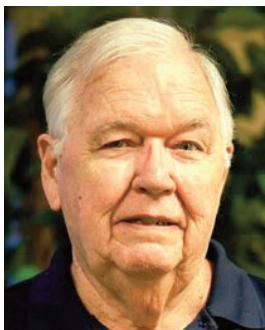
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Phone: (850) 342-0147



SHANNA BOUTWELL

Shanna Boutwell serves as the county's tax collector. Besides collecting property taxes, Boutwell and her staff are also responsible for the collection of other taxes set at the local level, including those levied by

special districts and state agencies. The tax collector also acts as an agent of several state departments, including the Florida Department of Revenue, the Florida Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles, and the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission.

The tax collector is a fee office, its budget approved by the Florida Department of Revenue. The office operates on the fees imposed for services rendered.

VEHICLE REGISTRATION

After you purchase or enter the state with a new or used car, the state of Florida requires that you shortly afterward register the vehicle for a 12-month period (primary owner's birthday to birthday) with the Florida Division of Motor Vehicles (FDMV).

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Registration will require that you bring with you to the FDMV office: (1) Proof of Florida insurance (issued or countersigned by Florida agent); (2) the vehicle title; (3) proof of identity (a driver license with photo or current passport); and (4) payment of fees and taxes, including an initial fee of \$225.

Chapter 320 of Florida Statutes enumerates these requirements. For more complete information, visit the Tax Collector's website at www.jeffersoncountytaxcollectors.com.

DIVISION OF DRIVER LICENSES

Anyone needing a motor vehicle operator license may visit the division of driver licenses in the Tax Collector's office.

PROPERTY APPRAISER

Angela Gray
Property Appraiser's Office
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Fax: (850) 997-0988
www.jeffersonpa.net



ANGELA GRAY

Many of the responsibilities at the Property Appraiser's office are calendar driven. This is a synopsis of those dates and how they may affect you as a

property owner.

The beginning of each year is a very important time as far as property taxes are concerned because Florida Statutes requires that property be valued based on its condition and ownership status as of January 1st. This "freeze date" can cause some confusion later in the year, but nonetheless is what should be followed.

March 1 is the deadline to file for homestead or other property tax exemptions. It is also the deadline to file for agricultural or conservation classification. If you are a business owner, you may need to file your Tangible Personal Property Return. Those are due on April 1. If you file for a Low Income Senior Exemption, the deadline to submit income documentation is June 1.

All property owners receive a Truth in Millage (TRIM) Notice toward the end of August. The notice lists proposed property values and taxes for the entire year, based on the condition and ownership status on January 1. If you do not agree with the assessed value of your property or you have a question about an exemption, this is the time to call the Property Appraiser's office to discuss the matter.

If, after speaking with an appraiser you are still dissatisfied with the value or exemption status, you have 25 days from the mailing of the notice to file a petition with the Value Adjustment Board.

In October, the tax roll is certified and submitted to the Tax Collector. The Tax Collector mails tax bills on Nov. 1.

For more information or concerns regarding the calendar, or any other property appraisal questions you may have, contact Angela Gray's office.

PROPERTY APPRAISER'S CALENDAR

850-997-3356
www.jeffersonpa.net



Angela Gray
Property Appraiser

IMPORTANT DATES

If a due date falls on a weekend or federally recognized holiday, the deadline automatically moves to the next business day

March 1st

Due date for Exemption, Agricultural and Conservation applications

April 1st

Due date for Tangible Personal Property Returns and Extension Requests

June 1st

Low Income Persons 65 & older Income Verification Due (2025 Max Household Limitation is \$37,694)

July 1st

Preliminary Tax Roll is certified to City, County, School and Water Management Districts

August (mid month)

Truth In Millage (TRIM) notices mailed Taxing Authorities set budget hearings

NOW is the time to call 850-997-3356 if a notice was not received or if there are questions on value or exemptions

Value Adjustment Board Petition Deadline is noted on the TRIM

September (mid month)

Deadline to file Value Adjustment Board Petitions (see date on TRIM Notice) Final address or name corrections as they will appear on November Tax Bills

October

Value & Adjustment Board Hearings Tax Roll Certified to Tax Collector

November

Tax Bills are mailed by the Tax Collector

VOTING

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Elected officials play an important role in the quality of life of Jefferson County. To cast your vote for those you trust the most, you need to register to vote at the office of the Supervisor of Elections. You can pick up an application to register to vote at the public library, Monticello City Hall, or at the elections office.

Registration is simple. Just submit the application and you will receive your voter registration card by mail soon afterward.

Remember to carry your photo ID with you to the polls when you go to vote.

Since December 2005, the voting system allows anyone, regardless of disability, to be able to vote independently. The tabulator will reject the vote of a voter who over-votes. In 2022, the paper books for signing in at the polls were replaced with electronic sign-in. Also in 2022, 10-year redistricting process for the Florida House of Representatives resulted in a new map that significantly affected Jefferson County. Precincts remained the same, but Jefferson County voters who live north of U.S. 27 are now in Florida House District 9, whereas those south of U.S. 27 are in Florida House District 7.

School board races are nonpartisan. This means that voters are able to vote for any school board candidates in their district, regardless of the political party affiliation of the voter or the candidate.

In Florida, we have a "universal ballot," which means that if there is no opposition in the general election, then all voters, regardless of party affiliation, are able to

vote. For more information, visit www.jeffersonvotes.com.



TREY HIGHTOWER

The Clerk of the Circuit Court serves the citizens of the county in many ways. The clerk's office handles the court records, fines, fees and judgments of the court. The clerk's office also acts as the accountant and auditor for the Board of County Commissioners. The clerk processes and maintains court documents to ensure that litigants' court cases are handled in a timely manner.



JAMES KAUFMAN

Homes in Jefferson County run the gamut from cabins to castles. If building is the operative word for your family, you need to visit the Jefferson County Building Department.

Newcomers who plan to occupy a mobile or manufactured home also need to visit the same Building Department office, where they can pick up a packet of information regarding county requirements for mobile home residents. Available also from the Building Department is a checklist outlining the requirements for permits for mobile home residents.

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DAVID WHEELER

The planning department's mission is to provide professional planning services to the citizens, developers, and government officials. If you're a property owner or developer, the planning department is the place you go if you have questions about land development regulations, zoning, comprehensive plan amendments, subdivisions and related issues. If property ownership is conveyed to another person/entity without the appropriate Planning Department approval, the future property owner(s) may not be able to obtain building or other construction permits. Contact the Planning Department office prior to taking any action, or for answers to any questions, related to land-use or the subdivision of property. Building and other types of permits will not be issued for any site without issuance of a Development Permit from the Planning Department.

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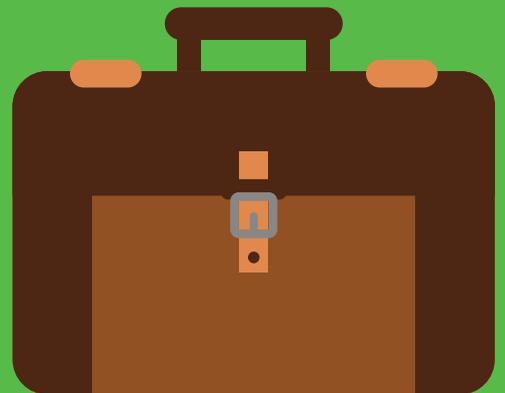
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JEFFERSON ARTS GALLERY

The Jefferson Arts Gallery offers a variety of exhibits, classes, groups and cultural programs throughout the year for everyone and all ages. Art appreciation and awareness for all citizens of Jefferson and surrounding counties is fostered, usually on the first Saturday of each month, beginning with a meet-the-artist reception for the artist whose exhibit will be displayed for the month. Gallery days and hours of operation for public viewing are 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Wednesdays and Saturdays. Monthly business meetings are held on the last Wednesday of each month at 11 a.m. in the art center.

The gallery is located at 575 W. Washington St. on the outskirts of downtown Monticello. For more information, to be placed on the mailing list, to make an appointment, or become a member, call (850) 997-3311 or visit jeffersonartsgallery.com. The gallery is a 501(c)3 nonprofit organization, with an inspiring schedule of artists and events booked for 2025.

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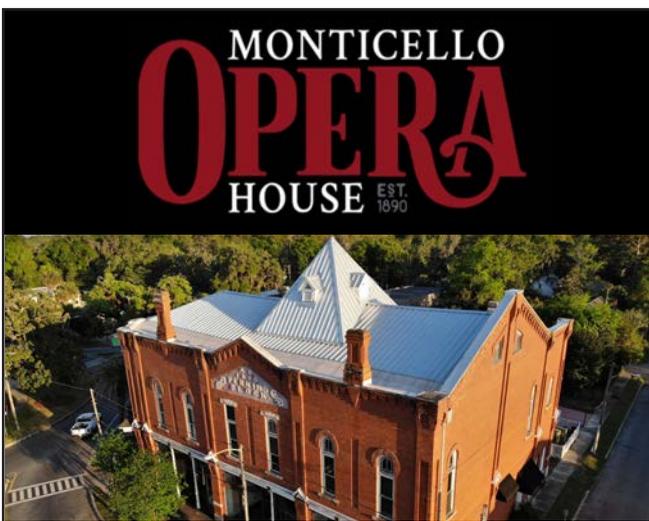
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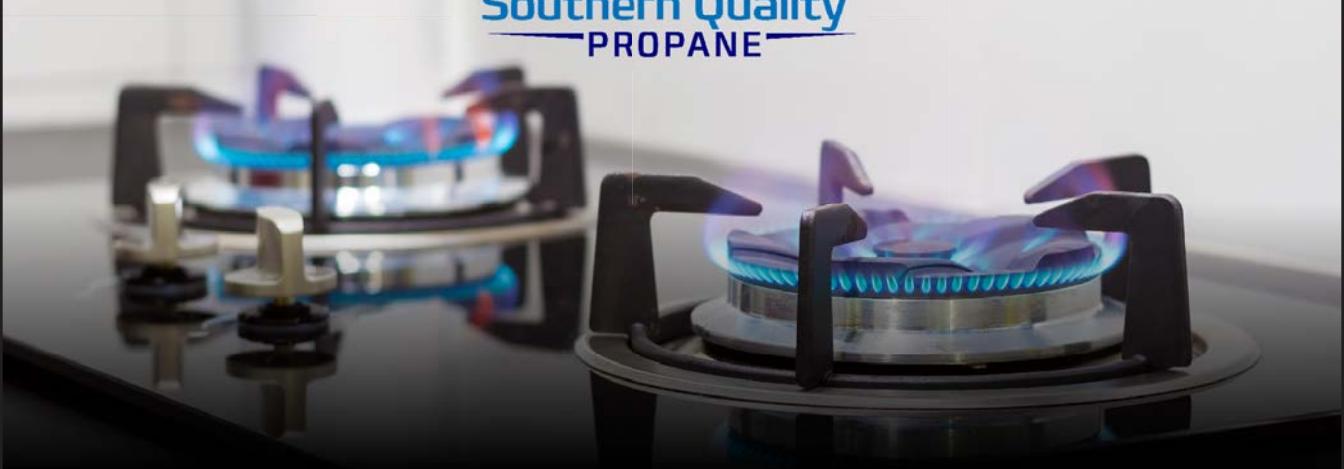
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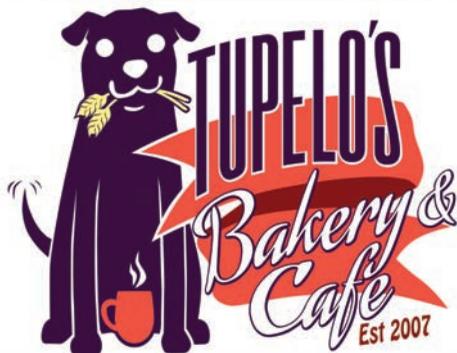
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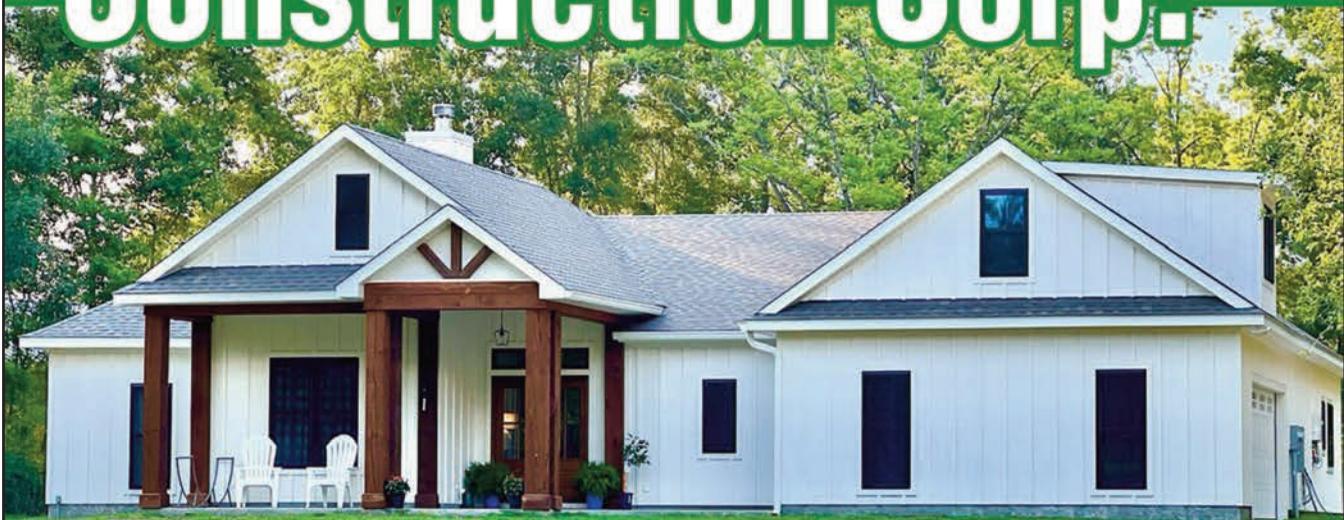
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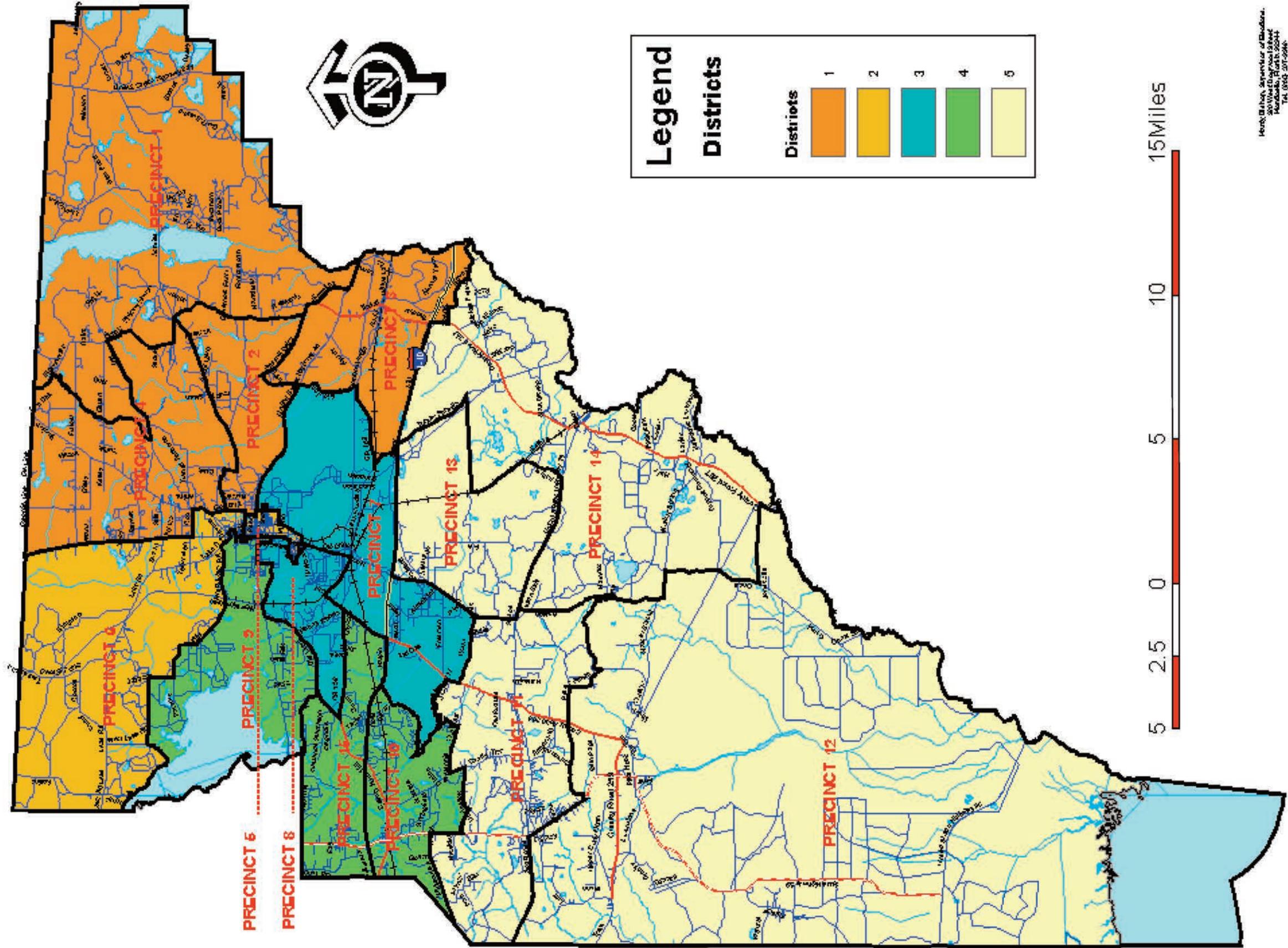
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—Excerpt from: United Country Real Estate website, monticellorealty.us

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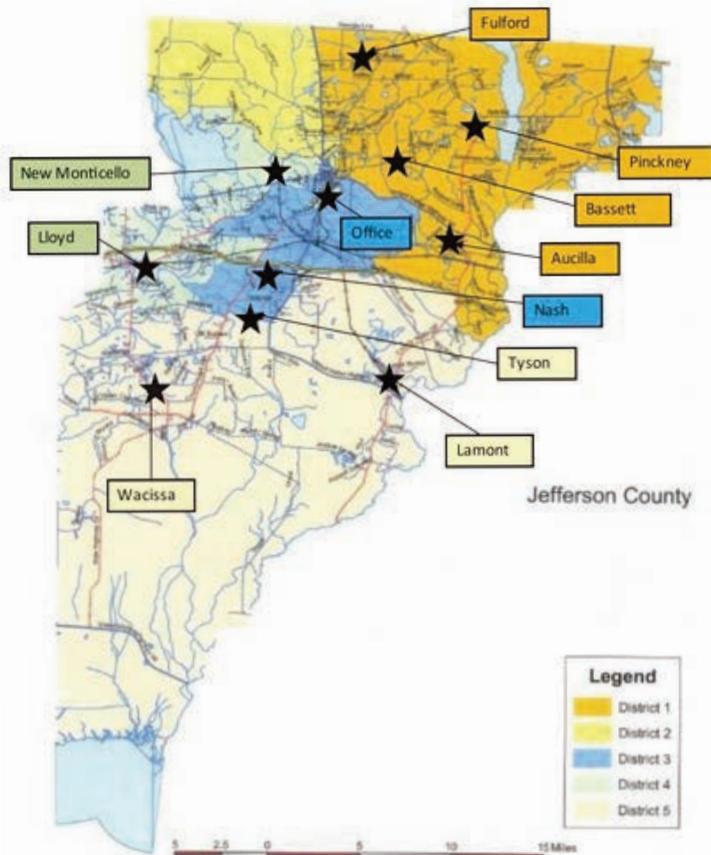
SOLID WASTE COLLECTION SITE SCHEDULE

LOCATION	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
Aucilla	7am-7pm	CLOSED	7am-7pm	CLOSED	7am-7pm	7am-7pm	7am-7pm
Bassett	7am-7pm	CLOSED	7am-7pm	7am-7pm	CLOSED	7am-7pm	7am-7pm
Fulford	CLOSED	7am-7pm	CLOSED	7am-7pm	CLOSED	7am-7pm	7am-7pm
Lamont	7am-7pm	7am-7pm	CLOSED	7am-7pm	CLOSED	7am-7pm	7am-7pm
Lloyd	6:30am-7pm						
Main Yard	7:30am-7pm						
Nash	7am-7pm	CLOSED	7am-7pm	CLOSED	7am-7pm	7am-7pm	7am-7pm
New Monticello	CLOSED	7am-7pm	7am-7pm	CLOSED	7am-7pm	7am-7pm	7am-7pm
Pickney Hill	CLOSED	7am-7pm	CLOSED	CLOSED	7am-7pm	CLOSED	7am-7pm
Wacissa	CLOSED	7am-7pm	CLOSED	7am-7pm	7am-7pm	7am-7pm	7am-7pm

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Solid Waste Collection Sites



IN THIS SECTION

Local places of
worship

Churches



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A community of faith

On the main thoroughfares and country roads alike, you will find our church buildings are positive signs of Jefferson County's spiritual strength. The denominational names, locations, pastors and times of service are all listed in the local telephone directory. Several churches also take advantage of the Church Directory in the *Monticello News* to provide additional information about their services.

In Monticello proper and around the county, worshippers can find congregations where they will feel at home. Worship has historically played a major role in Jefferson County life.

That holds true in the present as well. A strong and active Ministerial Association helps coordinate church activities throughout the year and encourages ecumenism.

Two of the largest of these events are the community-wide Thanksgiving and Easter services each year. For the latter, worshippers meet at a different church each day for noon service, then share lunch and visit across denominational lines before returning to work.

Wherever you find your church home in Jefferson County, your desire to worship with fellow believers will be fully met.

	
<p>St. Vincent de Paul Catholic Church</p> <p>186 NW Sumter St. Madison, Fla. 32340 (850) 973-2428</p> <p><u>Masses:</u> Saturday 4 p.m. (Fall/Winter) Saturday 5 p.m. (Spring/Summer) Sunday 9 a.m.</p> <p><u>First Friday Adoration:</u> 4 p.m. - 5 p.m.</p> <p><u>Reconciliation:</u> Saturdays 3 p.m. - 3:45 p.m. & by appt. <u>Email:</u> saintvdp@gmail.com</p>	<p>St. Margaret Catholic Church</p> <p>1565 E Washington St. (US Hwy. 90) Monticello, Fla. 32344 (850) 973-2428</p> <p><u>Masses:</u> Sunday 11 a.m. 5 p.m. Spanish Mass</p> <p><u>Email:</u> saintmarg@gmail.com</p> 
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Organizations and
volunteer groups

Community



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A newcomer with time to spare can find a snug niche to fill in Jefferson County. Whether you are interested in organizations or in volunteer work, a large array of opportunities awaits your choice. Indeed, most residents are involved in one way or another.

Several of the ‘movers and shakers’ in the community participate in one or more of the clubs and groups opened to membership. And although the various groups have their own agendas, the one thing they have in common is that their efforts are directed at helping the less fortunate within the community.

Whether it is to build a handicap ramp, pay for a pair of eyeglasses, read to a child, or prepare a meal for someone, the people of Jefferson County come together when a need is there.

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**Democratic Party
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Ministry**
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Hospitals, health department, pharmacies, and nursing homes

Health Care

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At Madison County Memorial Hospital, we provide a wide range of services designed to promote wellness, comfort, and recovery for our patients. With 25 private rooms, our medical floor offers a peaceful environment tailored for acute care, skilled nursing, and rehabilitation. Key services include:
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HOSPITALS

Archbold Medical Center

The John D. Archbold Memorial Hospital in Thomasville, Ga., offers many specialized services for the Jefferson County area. The hospital is a short drive away in Thomasville. Its services include behavioral health, home health, urgent care, hospice, gamma knife, heart and vascular, integrative medicine, rehabilitation, a cancer center, a women's center and an ambulatory care center. You can call Archbold at (229) 228-2000 for more information or visit www.archbold.org.

HCA Florida Capital Hospital Capital Regional Medical Center

Capital Regional Medical Center changed its name to HCA Florida Capital Hospital in 2022.

Established in 1979, HCA Florida Capital Hospital has state-licensed beds and serves residents of North Florida and South Georgia. The staff of HCA Florida Capital Hospital is one of the finest in the

region; its highest priority is patient and family satisfaction. HCA Florida Capital Hospital is located at 2626 Capital Medical Boulevard in Tallahassee.

The Tallahassee number is (850) 325-5000, or you may fax (850) 325-5198.

Tallahassee Memorial

Founded more than 60 years ago, Tallahassee Memorial HealthCare (TMH) is a private, nonprofit community healthcare system that includes an acute care hospital with new additions every year.

The Tallahassee Memorial Neuroscience Center boasts an upgraded Multiple Sclerosis (MS) Clinic. According to the National MS Society, approximately 400,000 Americans have MS and nearly 200 people are diagnosed weekly.

Tallahassee Memorial HealthCare is located at 1300 Miccosukee Road in Tallahassee, a short drive from Jefferson County. You can reach TMH at (850) 431-1155. For emergencies, dial 911.

PHYSICIANS

Tallahassee Memorial Family Medicine

Jefferson County has one physicians' office. Some out-of-town specialists also come to Monticello for weekly or monthly office visits. All the physicians accept appointments and most take walk-ins.

OTHER MEDICAL AND MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES

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Monticello Chiropractic
1301 S. Jefferson St.
(850) 342-2124

Monticello Physical Therapy & Wellness
1303 S. Jefferson St.
(850) 321-4443

The Monticello office is located at 1549 South Jefferson Street, (850) 997-0707. Attending doctors include: Wesley Scoles, MD; Brian Deem, MD; Whit Boyd, PA. This is a family medical practice accepting new patients.

North Florida Medical Health Force One
Mobile medical clinic
375 S. Water St.
(850) 597-4579

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HEALTH DEPARTMENT

The Jefferson County Health Department (JCHD) serves clients with a wide range of services. Kimberly Allbritton is the administrator. The Department of Health in Jefferson County (DOH-Jefferson) is responsible for helping keep Jefferson County residents and its environment healthy.

Residents can access health care and environmental services at the DOH-Jefferson clinic, including:

- Women's health services
- STD and HIV/AIDS testing and treatment
- Immunizations for children and adults
- Woman, Infants and Children (WIC)
- Septic tank permitting and inspection

To prevent chronic disease, the DOH-Jefferson clinic also offers health education services, such as diabetes education and tobacco prevention and cessation programs. Residents can also go to the clinic for copies of birth and death certificates.

In addition to providing services at the clinic, DOH-Jefferson provides health services to Jefferson County's

children at schools, which include health screenings and referrals. Throughout the year, DOH-Jefferson also organizes and sponsors community events and activities to educate and encourage safe and healthy lifestyles and behaviors. Finally, DOH-Jefferson investigates health problems and health threats in the community and leads planning and response activities for public health emergencies.

Other services at JCHD include school vaccinations, flu shots, WIC, birth and death certificates, environmental matters, a tobacco cessation system and water and septic services. For more information about the full range of services, call (850) 342-0170.

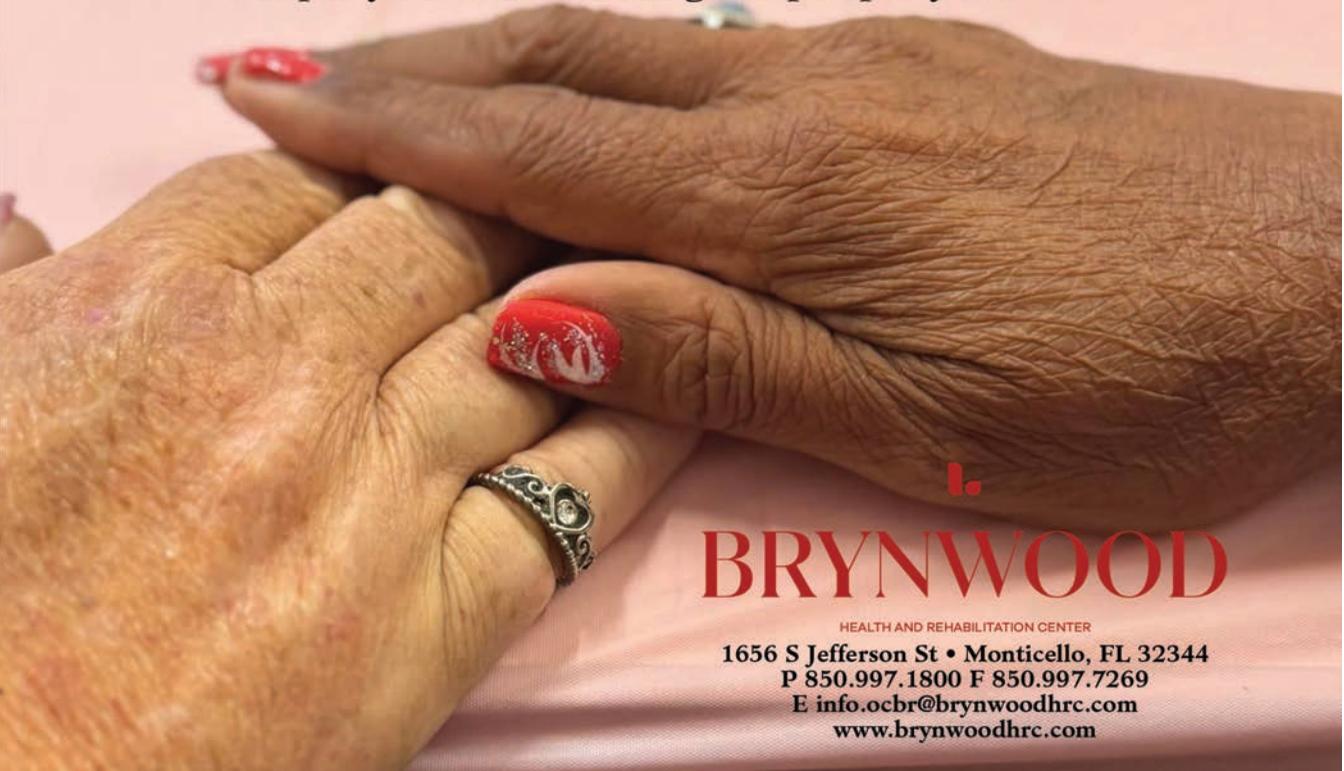
DENTAL

Monticello Dentistry is located at 1535 W. Washington St. It can be reached at (850) 997-2485, or by emailing monticello.dentistry@gmail.com.

PHARMACIES

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NURSING HOMES & ASSISTED LIVING

If the time should come when a person needs more help than they can get at home, Jefferson County has two facilities that offer attractive surroundings and loving care.

Brynwood Center

Brynwood Center, located on the south side of Monticello, at 1656 S. Jefferson St., is a skilled nursing and rehabilitation facility.

Residents here have the use of the easily accessible patios. Like other nursing homes, Brynwood accepts Medicare, Medicaid, private insurance, Worker's Compensation and private funds. For more information, call (850) 997-1800.

Monticello Health and Rehab

Located on the north side of Monticello at 1780 N. Jefferson St., Provides a family environment for seniors. In a beautiful setting just north of the town, your loved one can find the care that he or she needs. Call (850) 997-2313 for more information.

SOCIAL SERVICES

Love & Kindness and Disabled and Elderly Companionship

1180 West Washington St., Suite 2.

Provides general household activities such as meal preparation, laundry and light housekeeping when the individual regularly responsible for these activities is temporarily absent or unable to do the activities. For more information, call (850) 960-7745.

Big Bend Transit

952 W. Washington St.
(850) 997-1323

Provides transportation to and from any location within Jefferson County. Their service is designed to get transportation disadvantaged individuals and member so the general public to the desired destinations. The operation also provides a bus shuttle service to and from Tallahassee six days a week for commuters. Call for bus schedule or more information on the program.



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Big Bend Hospice

located on the west side of Monticello at 615 N. Jefferson Street, provides compassionate care to individuals with a life limiting illness, comfort to their families, and emotional support to anyone who has lost a loved one. Count on Big Bend Hospice to be there for you. For more information, call (850) 997-2827.



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SUPPORT GROUPS

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Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays at 7 p.m. at the Lloyd Woman's Club (9109 Old Lloyd Rd.). Sundays, Mondays, Thursdays and Saturdays at 8 p.m at the Christ Episcopal Church Annex (425 N. Cherry St.). For more information call 850-251-0278.



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Parks, sports,
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**Sports &
Recreation**



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RECREATION PARKS

The Jefferson County Recreation Department

administers all recreation and maintenance programs of the public recreation facilities in Jefferson County, particularly the park on Mamie Scott Drive, where the office is located. The recreation park offers playground areas, tennis, pickle ball and racquetball courts, baseball and softball field, concession stand, restroom, a covered picnic area and a paved exercise path for walking and running. For more information regarding the sports programs and/or facility availabilities, contact Park Manager Mike Holm at (850) 342-0240.

Monticello Ecological Park is a work in progress. This 28-acre park is located on South Water Street, with its entrance at the intersection of Seminole Street, adjacent the American Legion Building. This park has several trails, some of which are elevated to give a view of the canopy. It offers a slice of the flora and fauna of north Florida. Good for walking, hiking and bird watching. The park is in the process of having restrooms and a picnic pavilion installed. Park hours are sunrise to sunset. The park is open to the public. For more information, call City Hall at (850) 342-0153.

Clifford Brown Memorial Park is named in honor of the late longtime Jefferson County Commissioner Clifford Brown. It is located in the southeast part of town, off of Chase Street, adjacent to the Monticello/Ike Anderson Bike Trail, at the intersection of South Railroad Street. The park has sheltered picnic tables, playground equipment and restrooms. It is open sunrise to sunset. For more information, call City Hall at (850) 342-0153.

Dr. Jordan Memorial Park is a small showcase pocket park in the northeast part town. The park is located on

Pearl Street, between Johnson and Marvin streets, and adjacent to the Woman's Club. The park is named in honor of the late Dr. Reginald Jordon, a local veterinarian, musician and book lover. Nestled in a residential neighborhood, the park has benches, walkways, playground equipment, a gazebo and a reading garden. It's open sunrise to sunset. For more information, call City Hall at (850) 342-0153.

Monticello/Ike Anderson Bike Trail is a multiple mile biking and hiking trail that runs from Rocky Branch Road on the north side of town to Nacoosa Road on the south side. The trail, which is paved for more than two miles, crosses a few residential neighborhoods and then turns into a dirt trail that end near Simpson Nurseries. The trail is named after Ike Anderson, a lifetime Monticello resident who was an attorney and longterm mayor. A colorful and popular figure, Anderson could often be seen riding his bicycle about town.

Monticello Health & Fitness Center on East Washington Street is a state-of-the-art facility offering everything you could want in a gym. Located within walking distance of the courthouse, this facility is a 'must see.' Some have compared it to may high-end gyms in Tallahassee. The center is conveniently located at 760 East Washington Street. For more information, stop by, or call (850) 997-4400.

FitCo Health Club is located at 760 E. Washington St., in the rear part of the building. The facility offers 24/7 access, all kinds of equipment, personal training, nutrition and supplements and more. Call (850) 332-1551.

Jefferson Country Club is a nine-hole golf course off the Boston Highway in Jefferson County. This short layout will reward good shots and provide a fun golf outing for everyone. For more information, call (850) 997-5484 or visit the facility on the Boston Highway, about a mile east of U.S. 19 North.



Ways to explore the scenic outdoors

CANOEING, KAYAKING AND HIKING

Canoe or kayak on the Wacissa River, one of the most pristine waterways in North Florida. Stop to swim or snorkel in one of the many springs that feed the river. In the spring, you'll find hardwood hammock islands covered with zephyr lilies and wild iris. In the late summer, scores of swallow-tailed kites gather in the cypresses along the river before their annual migration to South America for the winter.

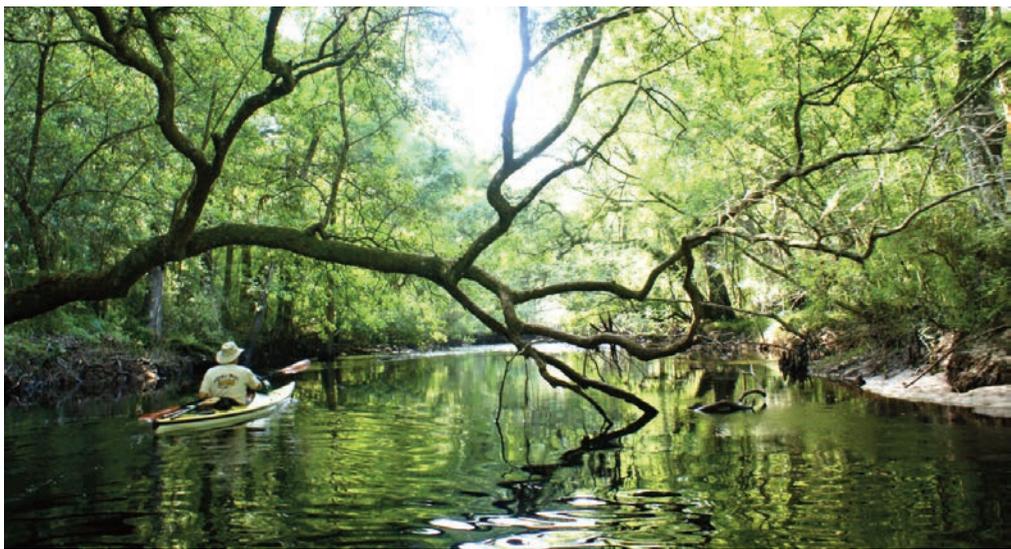
Or hike along the Aucilla Sinks Trail beneath a canopy of oaks, hickory and magnolia. You'll pass sinkholes and caves created by the Aucilla River as it rises and falls, disappearing underground and resurfacing. The extensive river floodplains provide excellent food and cover for deer and other wildlife.

BIKING

There are bicycling opportunities along the approximately 10 miles of trails within the Western Sloughs area, accessible from U.S. 98.

PADDLING

Twelve major springs



feed into the Wacissa River as it winds its way through swampy lowlands. The water is generally clear and the springs may be explored with snorkel equipment. Access to the springs is by boat. The suggested trail is 14 miles long and begins one mile south of the community of Wacissa, about a quarter mile south of State Road 59.

FISHING

Aucilla Wildlife Management Area offers several different fishing opportunities. The Western Sloughs are popular with bank fishermen who target red breast sunfish, red ear

sunfish (shell cracker), spotted sunfish (stump knocker), bluegill and largemouth bass. The Wacissa River offers many angling opportunities for various species of bream, a freshwater fish. Early mornings out of Goose Pasture campground can be productive for largemouth bass. The Wacissa is one of a handful of rivers in North Florida with Suwannee bass, a cousin of the largemouth bass.

HUNTING

The Small Game Hunting Area south of U.S. 98 and the Western Sloughs are popular with squirrel hunters, and many of the small animals are harvested in both locations each year. Hogs also abound in the area, particularly on the central portion west of the Wacissa River. Turkey hunters can find great opportunities in some of the higher areas in the Western Sloughs and along the Aucilla River south of Goose Pasture Road. Some of the areas popular with turkey hunters should also be productive for deer because of the abundance of mass-producing tree species.

CAMPING

Camping is allowed along the Wacissa River at the Goose Pasture campground. The camping area is open on a first-come, first-served basis by self-issued special-use authorization, which is available at a kiosk on the grounds. Campers are limited to a 10-day stay. Camping is not allowed during the Aucilla Wildlife Management Area's general gun season. Primitive camping (tents only) is allowed at designated sites along the Florida Trail only by permit from the Suwannee River Water Management District. For more information, contact the Suwannee River Water Management District at (386) 362-1001.

CANOE & KAYAK RENTALS

Jesse's Canoe and Kayak Rental
433 Wacissa Springs Rd.,
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(850) 766-1250

Wacissa River Canoe and Kayak Rentals
Airboat Tours
290 Wacissa Springs Rd.,
Monticello, Fla.
(850) 997-5023



Festivals and parades

FESTIVALS AND PARADES

Festivals are an important part of any community's culture. Through festivals, parades and celebrations, the community of Jefferson County is able to share its heritage and traditions.

At the **Watermelon Festival**, which has been celebrated since 1949, you will find a sense of community in the festival's breakfast gathering, marathon, parade, arts and crafts show and many other activities. The Watermelon Festival and Parade is held on the third weekend of June. This event includes several days of activities, such as a beauty queen pageant, photo contest, community breakfasts and luncheons, a street dance, watermelon games, a community children's theatre production, antique car show, melon marathon and art exhibit. The crown jewel of the summertime festival is the festival vendors and the lengthy parade that rolls through town. The festival marks the announcement of the county

Watermelon Queen and her court. For more information, contact the Monticello-Jefferson Chamber of Commerce at (850) 997-5552.

At each special event, festival or parade, you will find the sense of belonging and hospitality that Monticello and Jefferson County extends to all who find their way here.

The Martin Luther King Jr. Day Parade is a chance for locals and visitors to Jefferson County to remember and honor the memory of American Civil Rights Movement leader and spokesperson Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. For more information about parade entries, contact parade organizer Charles Parrish at (850) 997-3760.

The Dirty Pecan is a one-day gravel bike ride through beautiful Jefferson County's red hills dirt roads. It is perfect for all adventure seekers out there. With 75 percent gravel roads, you can ride at your own pace while enjoying the scenic view. Plus you will be supporting 4-H kids. Always the first Saturday of March. Cost is around \$25-

\$30. For online information, visit www.dirtypecan.com. Or contact Betsy Barfield (850) 933-4055. All proceeds donated to 4-H. Dirty Pecan is located at the Jefferson Extension facility on U.S. 90 West.

Emancipation Proclamation Parade

celebrates the historic moment of freedom for the African-American population of Florida. Celebrated in May, the parade marks the date when freedom was granted to former slaves following the American Civil War. For more information about parade entries, contact parade organizer Charles Parrish at (850) 997-3760.

Monticello Bike Fest is hosted in May. With Monticello's rolling hills, canopy roads lined with ancient oaks and rural sights, the bike fest invites hobby and professional cyclists to get out and enjoy the Jefferson County countryside. This event is perfect for families that want to enjoy a 10-mile ride, as well as

for serious cyclists who want to undertake the 30, 60 or 100 mile rides. The Monticello Bike Fest offers supported rest stops for participants. For more information, contact the Monticello-Jefferson County Chamber of Commerce at (850) 997-5552.

Veterans Day Parade is a chance for locals to show their love and support for Jefferson County veterans each November. This parade is organized by the Monticello American Legion Post 49. For more information about the upcoming date and parade entry form, contact Legion Post Commander Ed Difford at (330) 354-5533.

Monticello Christmas Enjoy historic downtown Monticello as you experience a Christmas Light Parade, Tree Lighting, Visits with Santa, plus shopping, dining, entertainment, kid's area, live music, local vendors, and welcoming shops. For more information, visit www.monticellochristmas.com.

Roads and trails for your enjoyment

Aucilla River Trail

For 7.1 miles, from Goose Pasture Road to Wakulla Springs Bridge, this trail follows the east bank of the Aucilla River. The banks are high and heavily wooded with steep gradients and rocky outcrops that produce a number of shoals and ledges.

Aucilla River Canoe Trail

The dark waters of the Aucilla River pass between high limestone banks and dense hardwood forests in some sections and swampy areas of cypresses and gums in others. The "Big Rapid" is a rock-strewn drop of 8-10 feet that runs about 30 yards. The trail starts one mile south of Lamont on U.S. Highways 19 and 27.

Aucilla Sinks Trail

According to Elizabeth E. Carter in A

Hiking Guide to Florida, "Searching for sinkholes makes for a fascinating hike since sinks in the woods are heavily forested with beautiful magnolias, oaks and other hardwoods." Along the trails are such named sinks as Chocolate, Mosquito Slap, Hurry Up, Kitchen, Long Suffering, Watts, Frink, Sunshine and Long and Breakdown. If you cross Goose Pasture Road and walk 0.2 miles, you'll see roadside Overflow Sinks and the Silver Blaze Tree, a 1984 commemoration of the completion of a major connection of the Florida Trail.

Heritage Roads

More than simply canopy roads, Heritage Roads offer a glimpse into Jefferson County's past. These roads traverse the county's diverse and scenic topography, including its rolling hills, pastoral farms, working ranches,

productive timberlands and the dramatic drop from the elevation of the Cody Escarpment to the Flatwoods.

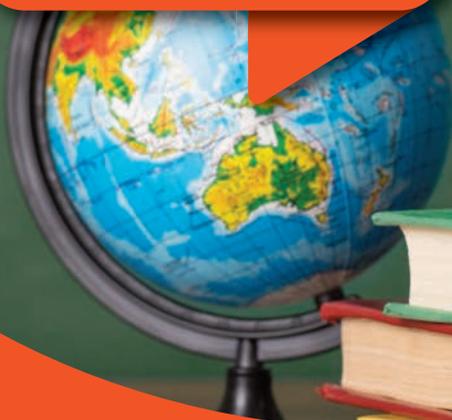
Historic sites alongside the Heritage Roads shed insight into the exploits of the area's early settlers and explorers, whether they were Native Americans, Spaniards, Britons or Americans, as well as give a sense of the present activities on the land.

The Heritage Road System consists of four named Trails. (1) The Micosukee-Magnolia Trail (northwest); (2) the Plantation Trail (northeast); the Spanish Trace Trail (central); and (4), the Flatwoods-Wilderness Trail (southern). The trails mostly follow canopy and scenic roads, travel past historic sites and points of interest and cross a few small communities. For a map of the four color-coded heritage road loops, visit heritageroadjeffersoncountyfl.com.

IN THIS SECTION

Schools,
day care
and
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Education



Life in
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Child Care

Child care is of the utmost importance for families. When both parents are out of the home and working in the marketplace, the quality of childcare becomes essential. Jefferson County childcare agencies have all recognized the need for top-notch facilities and

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Lucy's Childcare
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Martha's Bouncing Babies
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(850) 997-5730

Monticello Head Start Center
950 Mamie Scott Dr.
(850) 997-4736

Area public and private schools

Jefferson County K-12 A community partnership school, encompasses the elementary, middle and high school in Jefferson County. The school is located at 50 David Road, off U.S. 19 South. Effective July 1, 2022, the Jefferson County School District officially reclaimed operation of the school after five years of being operated as a charter school. The School Superintendent is Jackie Pons.

The school's stated vision is to provide equitable high quality education for all students. The school can be reached (850) 997-3555.

PRIVATE SCHOOLS

Three private schools are located in Jefferson County: **Franklin Academy, Aucilla Christian Academy, and Jefferson County Homeschool Association.**

Aucilla Christian Academy is a Christ-centered college-preparatory school with grades pre-kindergarten through 12, serving North Florida and

South Georgia. The mission of Aucilla Christian Academy is to provide educational opportunities and experiences within a Christian environment to help children develop spiritually, mentally, and physically. ACA is dedicated to providing a "Christian Environment of Academic Excellence." The goal of the school is to provide students with a high quality, college preparatory education, ultimately producing future leaders and responsible citizens. For more information on ACA or to arrange a tour, call (850) 997-3597 or visit aucilla.org.

Franklin Academy is the newest private school in Jefferson County. It started here in late 2015, but its Tallahassee parent school dates from the 1990s. The school describes itself as Bible-based but not Christian-based; it offers classes from K-12. The school is located at 425 S. Jefferson Street in Monticello. For more information, contact founder Margaret Franklin at (850) 322-2860 or email your inquiries to franklinacademyinc@gmail.com.



The Jefferson County Homeschool Association is located at 380 W. Dogwood Street in Monticello. It describes itself as a loose confederation of homeschooling families in Jefferson County. The association offers classes, consulting, a lending library and more. The group can be contacted at (850) 210-3653.

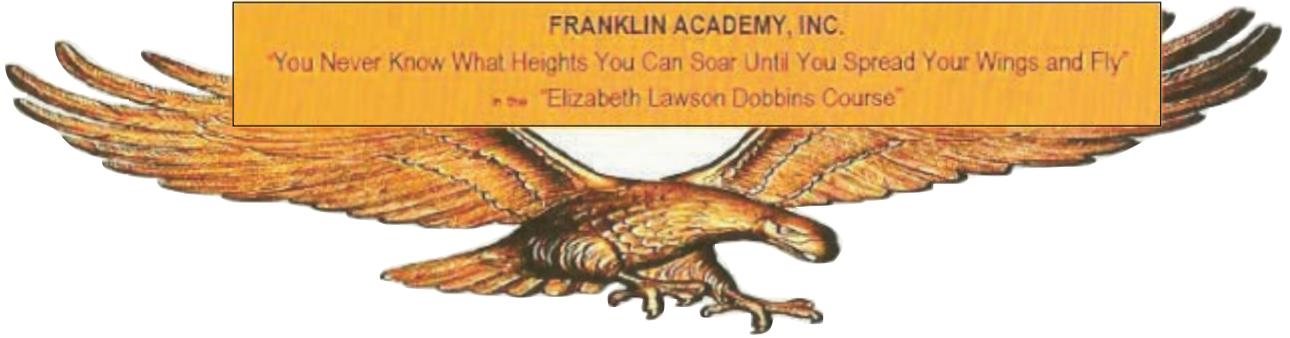
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North Florida College (NFC)

located in Madison, is a member of the Florida College System and accredited by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges to award associate and baccalaureate degrees. NFC proudly serves the distinct educational needs of its six-county district, including Madison County.

NFC consistently ranks among Florida’s leading institutions for workforce placement, achieving an outstanding 99% job placement rate for full-time students—well above the Florida College System average of 92%. High-demand programs such as Welding, Heating, Ventilation, Air Conditioning & Refrigeration, and Commercial Vehicle Driving have grown so rapidly that expansion is now essential. Graduates transition directly into high-wage, in-demand careers that contribute significantly to Florida’s economy.

In 2026, NFC will introduce a new Electrician program made possible through a Florida Workforce CAP Grant. This program establishes a clear career pathway, guiding students from entry-level electrician training to advanced workforce readiness. With electricians among the most critically needed professionals across the state, this initiative will further strengthen Florida’s skilled labor pipeline and infrastructure.

NFC offers six degree programs that can be completed entirely online, including an Associate in Arts degree, Associate in Science (A.S.) in Accounting Technology, A.S. in Business Administration, A.S. in Criminal Justice Technology, and Bachelor of Science in Nursing

bridge program. In 2025, NFC offered its newest degree programs, a Bachelor of Applied Science in Organizational Management and an A.S. in Agribusiness Management.

Visit www.nfc.edu for a full list of programs and training opportunities.

Students enjoy comfortable class sizes, usually with 24 students or less, and access to state-of-the-art educational facilities and the latest technology. Personalized advising, financial aid opportunities, student support programs, tutoring, one of the best college libraries in the state, and an active Academic Success Center are all in place to help students succeed.

NFC routinely partners with area business, industry and community institutions to promote economic development and provide training opportunities for the district’s workforce.

The College was named one of 150 community colleges eligible to compete for the 2025 Aspen Prize for Community College Excellence, the nation’s signature recognition of high achievement and performance in America’s community colleges. For ten consecutive years, NFC has also been awarded as a “Great College to Work For” by the The Chronicle of Higher Education. NFC was a finalist for the Bellwether Award and received recognition from U.S. News & World Report as the #2 Top Public School in the South.

NFC has an expanded physical presence in its service district to broaden access to higher education for more students. The Live Oak

Location in Suwannee County and Perry Location in Taylor County offer all courses required to achieve an Associate in Arts degree. The Perry Location also boasts a location-specific career program – Heating, Ventilation, Air-Conditioning and Refrigeration.

Opportunities abound outside of the classroom as well for NFC students and the community.

- NFC offers a variety of educational and fun summer camps that range in topics from the arts to engineering and robotics.
- The Hardee Center for the Arts hosts monthly exhibits (fall/spring) and a walk across campus reveals NFC’s impressive outdoor public art collection.
- The Colin P. Kelly Fitness Center offers students a wonderful place to stay fit and healthy; community passes are also available.

The NFC mission is to offer an individualized and supportive academic atmosphere, accessible education, lifelong learning opportunities, and professional growth for its students and communities.

For more information, call 850-973-2288, visit DISCOVER.NFC.EDU or stop by the NFC campus at 325 NW Turner Davis Dr. in Madison.

Tallahassee State College

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Tallahassee State College is a relatively young school established in 1966. Nonetheless, it is a versatile and affordable institution that draws students from all over the state. In 2013, it was recognized as #1 in Community College Week’s Top 100 list.

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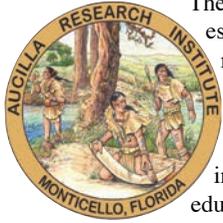
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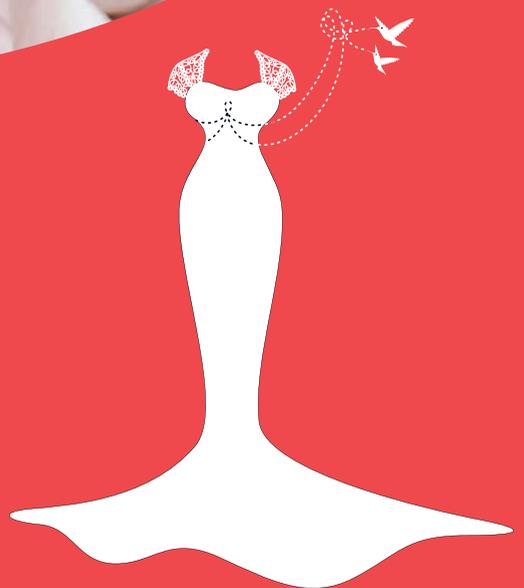
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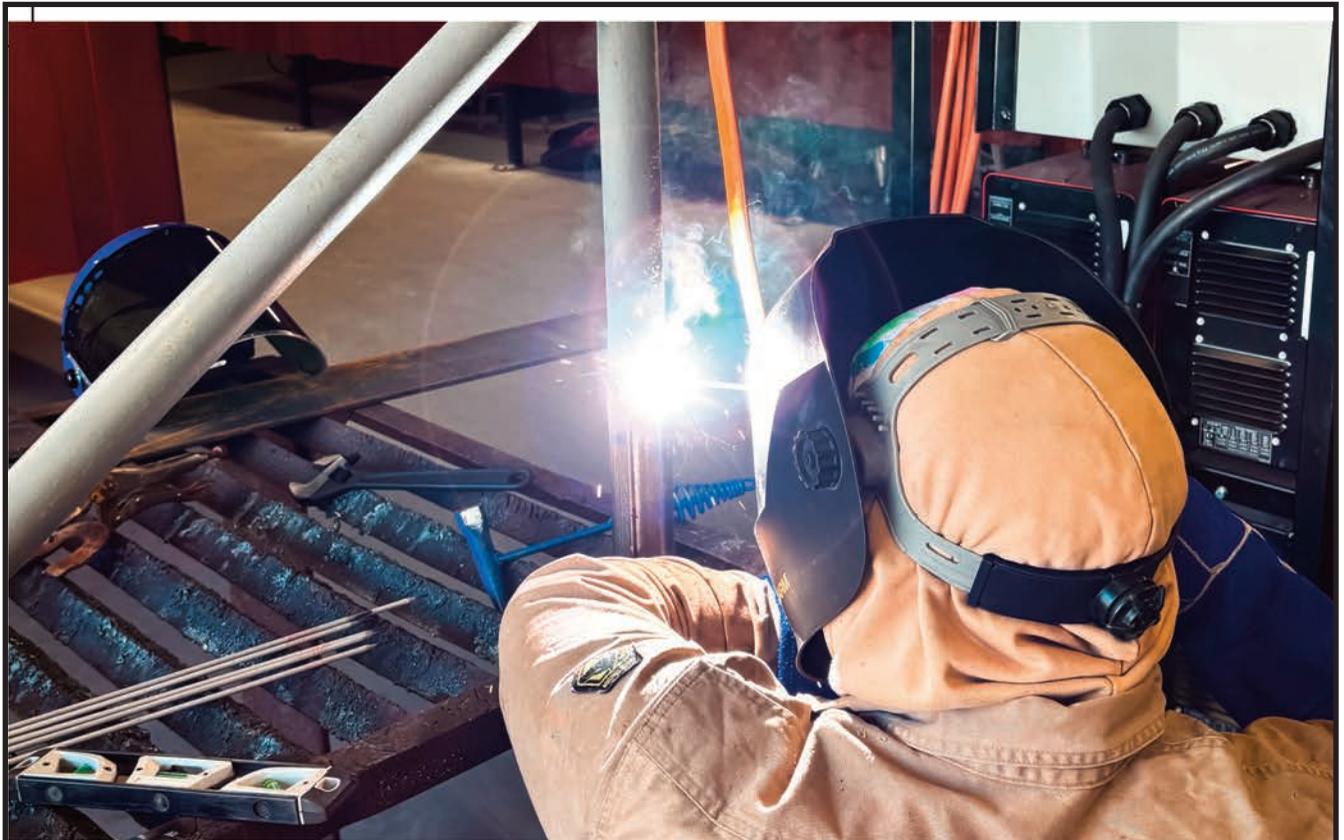
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